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MEMORANDUM FOR: All GRA Personnel

SUBJECT: The Submittal of Questionnaires to the "World Directory of Geographers"

1. Members of the Association of American Geographers have received questionnaires to be filled out and returned to Professor Meynen, the accomplishment of which would place their biographic data in a World Directory of Geographers. The matter of geographers in CIA sending out the information called for on the form has been discussed with the Office of Security in great detail, with further attention given to the recommendations from Security by the senior staff of the Geographic Research Area.

2. The Office of Security has stated that any pattern which can be established by reading the directory would be undesirable from this Agency's point of view, and can in no way be contributed to by the individual presentation of forms to the World Directory office. In other words, the Office of Security no longer subscribes to "U.S. Government" or to a home address when these would be used by more than 3 or 4 people each. On the other hand, Security would permit submission of forms if there were a variety of 6 to 12 professional, vocational relationships for the total number of people who would be submitting the forms. They would be perfectly willing, for example, to have several people represent themselves as "Geographic Consultants", others as "Geographic Planners", still others as university personnel, etc. But the Staff of the GRA is, to say the least, quite concerned that we do not misrepresent ourselves to our colleagues in the profession, or in any way place individuals in a vocational position which they cannot readily defend or which may become the subject of considerable detrimental speculation.

3. With these considerations in mind, the senior staff of the GRA has adopted the policy which permits those people who have a real relationship with some activity outside CIA, and whose relationship can be defended upon inquiry, to submit their forms for the World Directory. Before submitting their forms, they will secure the approval of their Division Chief and of the Chief, Geographic Research, who will provide for further security of the form submission as deemed necessary.

4. We regret that GRA personnel who do not have a real relationship outside CIA must forego the privilege of submitting their names for listing in the World Directory.

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